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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include an average state average of 66(°F), a high of 96(°F) and a low of 41(°F). The week started with particularly warm weather but rains finally appeared last Thursday and intermittently throughout the weekend. Field crops perked up a bit as a result, but those long suffering from heat stress need even more. Cooling temperatures should mitigate additional heat stress and have already have complimented the coloring of red apple varieties nicely. The majority of field activities involved the harvesting of apples potatoes and pumpkins with corn silage nearing completion.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	14	40	45	1
SUBSOIL	10	39	51	0

## Crop Conditions as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	3	44	52
CORN	1	9	21	42	27
HAY, ALFALFA	1	8	22	52	17
HAY, OTHER	9	10	19	51	11
PASTURE AND RANGE	17	28	30	15	10
POTATOES	0	1	62	34	3
SOYBEANS	1	6	23	58	12

## Crop Progress as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	50	39	34	50
BARLEY: PLANTED	32	19	13	14
BARLEY: EMERGED	27	<5	<5	N/A
CORN: DENTED	82	74	65	71
CORN: MATURE	36	19	22	26
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	6	<5	<5	<5
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	66	43	40	44
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	91	90	83	93
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	58	52	53	60
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	81	77	64	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	43	39	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	95	94	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	94	93	95	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	53	25	N/A	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED	96	93	95	98
PEACHES: HARVESTED	91	86	80	93
POTATOES: HARVESTED	41	27	45	42
TOBACCO: CUT	91	76	75	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	13	<5	8	6

## September 13, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	89	51	70	+8	1.24	5	25.74	+0.92	88	2344	+331	3871
	Erie	90	55	72	+7	3.90	2	20.28	-0.29	66	2673	+300	4189
	Franklin_AG	89	50	70	+7	0.49	3	25.84	+2.37	80	2532	+324	4076
	Meadville-Port	87	51	70	+8	1.92	4	24.38	+2.26	71	2597	+551	4150
	Springboro	90	46	68	+6	1.81	4	22.74	+2.16	79	2177	+90	3670
	Titusville	90	50	71	+10	0.31	1	22.10	-1.20	56	2220	+354	3729
Warren	89	52	70	+7	1.06	3	21.87	-1.25	78	2313	+204	3830	
North Central	Bradford_Region	85	41	66	+7	1.17	4	20.03	-2.97	76	2021	+404	3504
	Coudersport_1SW	88	47	67	+8	1.49	5	25.36	+2.94	81	1958	+259	3416
	Kane	86	43	65	+8	1.29	5	22.78	-0.79	86	2010	+599	3471
	Laporte	85	53	67	+7	1.68	3	24.90	+4.85	83	2056	+217	3534
	Lock_Haven	95	53	72	+8	0.95	3	22.33	+0.57	61	2799	+454	4362
	Oswayo	87	45	65	+6	2.61	4	22.94	+1.56	82	1939	+279	3408
	Renovo	91	53	71	+7	0.92	3	23.47	+3.26	70	2615	+290	4171
	Ridgway	89	52	68	+8	1.68	4	29.71	+6.64	82	2194	+466	3699
	Stevenson_Dam	91	51	69	+6	1.27	4	27.40	+5.47	70	2326	+196	3845
	Towanda	91	54	70	+8	1.34	3	23.37	+5.56	67	2467	+322	3989
Wellsboro	86	48	66	+7	1.20	4	23.77	+5.64	75	1986	+320	3472	
Williamsport_AP	92	56	72	+8	1.76	3	25.38	+4.46	69	3011	+566	4585	
Northeast	Hawley	91	51	69	+8	2.38	2	21.37	+0.60	61	2195	+330	3700
	Milanville	91	53	71	+10	0.37	1	19.04	-1.60	68	2340	+475	3840
	Susquehanna	91	53	70	+9	1.56	3	21.37	-0.06	75	2299	+315	3810
	Wilkes-Barre	95	57	74	+10	0.53	3	17.92	-1.51	63	2986	+599	4554
West Central	Butler	89	51	70	+7	2.01	5	26.01	+3.73	81	2480	+394	4022
	New_Castle_Ag	90	51	72	+7	1.46	4	27.10	+6.60	78	2795	+474	4370
	Slippery_Rock	89	51	70	+9	1.24	4	25.10	+2.84	78	2680	+776	4240
Central	Altoona_AP	93	51	71	+7	1.15	4	20.79	+1.96	70	2724	+348	4293
	Du_Bois	90	52	71	+10	1.84	4	22.50	+0.34	76	2675	+663	4234
	Elizabethville	95	53	72	+8	1.26	3	21.87	+0.54	56	2970	+549	4553
	Lewistown	94	55	71	+7	2.23	3	23.07	+2.21	67	2917	+424	4502
	Middletown	95	59	75	+7	6.35	2	23.85	+3.89	57	3441	+549	5049
	Prince_Gallitzi	93	53	70	+7	1.39	4	23.44	+3.52	80	2501	+411	4048
	Selinsgrove_2S	95	54	72	+8	1.26	3	20.62	-0.71	63	2818	+397	4383
	State_College_P	90	51	70	+7	1.50	4	24.40	+4.67	78	2668	+376	4233
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	95	55	74	+9	2.15	3	20.76	-1.76	55	3130	+630	4715
	Lehighton	89	56	70	+8	4.60	3	28.54	+3.84	62	2577	+397	4135
	Mt_Pocono	88	52	69	+11	3.03	3	27.45	+3.73	63	2276	+652	3798
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	90	52	72	+7	1.19	4	25.00	+5.33	77	3024	+753	4621
	Chalk_Hill	90	53	70	+9	1.34	4	25.17	-1.60	92	2629	+621	4212
	Connellsville_A	92	55	72	+7	3.18	4	26.00	+3.46	83	2929	+497	4526
	Indiana_3SE	91	53	70	+6	3.13	4	28.60	+4.50	85	2472	+195	4035
	Meyersdale	89	51	68	+7	0.74	3	20.18	-1.76	80	2161	+228	3681
	Pittsburgh_Intl	91	51	72	+7	0.94	4	21.27	+1.53	63	3075	+564	4673
Waynesburg	91	54	71	+7	0.82	4	19.52	-1.00	74	2721	+402	4297	
South Central	Biglerville	92	56	72	+7	2.51	2	30.37	+9.36	53	3098	+620	4697
	Everett	90	49	68	+5	1.18	3	20.58	+1.32	73	2406	+169	3949
	Hanover	92	54	71	+4	2.52	2	24.34	+6.14	60	3011	+166	4608
	Harrisburg_AP	93	57	74	+6	2.53	2	24.88	+4.92	54	3309	+417	4909
	South_Mountain	87	53	69	+3	0.94	2	22.77	-0.81	66	2541	-109	4098
York_AP	92	53	71	+4	2.98	2	27.29	+6.33	56	3018	+225	4604	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	93	58	73	+5	1.79	3	19.34	-4.06	51	3084	+101	4671
	Green_Lane	93	59	74	+9	3.95	3	20.67	-1.15	47	3057	+560	4646
	Hamburg	93	57	72	+7	3.94	3	28.57	+5.37	58	2978	+375	4557
	Lancaster_AP	93	57	73	+6	4.46	2	21.18	+0.01	55	3070	+356	4661
	Neshaminy_Falls	93	54	74	+6	1.53	3	21.01	-4.28	52	3183	+411	4783
	New_Holland	94	56	74	+8	3.57	2	21.32	-1.75	54	3275	+814	4888
	Philadelphia_AP	94	64	78	+8	4.79	3	22.68	+2.05	49	3825	+668	5456
	Philadelphia_NE	96	63	78	+11	1.48	2	17.24	-8.05	51	3702	+930	5326
	Reading_AP	95	59	74	+8	4.19	3	21.06	-1.09	50	3278	+533	4874
	Sellersville	93	54	73	+7	1.31	3	19.93	-4.43	47	2837	+256	4407
West_Chester	94	56	74	+7	2.07	3	20.48	-2.43	56	3069	+323	4645	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **ADAMS County, Judy Behney**

Adams County had a pretty hot week of weather starting morning temperatures low 70's and into high 80's. Thursday received various amounts of rainfall across county. Most of county got some ranging from 0.7" other parts of Adams County but some areas Northern Adams County around York Springs got 4.75 inches and in York Springs 6 inches. Cooler temperatures after the rain came in the 60's. Today is cooler 60's and sunny. Corn silage continues to be harvested and some dry corn starting to be harvested. Soybeans losing their leaves and soon to be harvested. Double cropped soybeans still maturing. Hay continues to be baled. Small grains as barley and wheat being seeded. Apple harvest continues with more varieties being harvested. Good crop being reported with nice size. Vegetables continue to be harvested around the county. Overall the producers still busy with field work with harvesting and/or seeding for next year's crops.

### **ADAMS County, Lee Showalter**

Fresh apple harvest is in full swing. Gala harvest is complete for most growers. Early Fujis and Golden Delicious will be the main focus for many growers in the coming week. Recent rains have continued to be a bit spotty. But most growers have received adequate moisture to eliminate any dry conditions. Cooler weather is also being helpful to color red varieties as they approach harvest.

### **ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr**

Some showers, but too late for most crops. Early short season corn planted early is now being harvested with moisture around 20-22% and yields of 150 - 180 bu. Later planted corn will not fare as well. Hay and pasture very short at this time.

### **ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz**

Corn silage harvest is winding down, fall herbicides are being applied, hauling manure and planting cover crops.

### **CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little**

Potato harvesting continues as well as corn silage. About 10% of soybeans have dropped their leaves. Finally received some much needed rain.

### **CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker**

Silo filling moving forward. Some needed rainfall. 2" in my gauge.

### **COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum**

Only received 1.0" rain in 2 events (0.5in each event). Plants wilted again the next day after the rain events.

### **LEBANON County, Jeff Graybill**

After nearly 3 weeks of dry weather, rain arrived on Thursday. Amounts varied but all areas received at least an inch. Some areas received a little over 2 inches. Chopping for corn silage is in progress with high moisture corn harvest around the corner.

### **MERCER County, Jim Rust**

We received 0.7 inches of rainfall Saturday thru Sunday. The moisture has already perked up the fields and we need more rainfall. Many Amish farmers are chopping silage the past few days. Pumpkins are being harvested daily. Area corn mazes are open for the fall season. The fair season is over for Mercer County.

### **WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega**

Much needed rain finally arrived this week. All crops negatively affected by the extreme dry and heat.

### **YORK County, John Rowehl**

Early reports of grain yields are very good. Much needed rain arrived in significant amounts on Thursday and Saturday.